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Indiana Department of Workforce Development Announces Selection of State Unemployment Insurance Modernization Vendor

Haverstick Consulting is Vendor out of Carmel, Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (IDWD) announced its selection of Haverstick Consulting, Inc. as the prime vendor for the agency's Unemployment Insurance Modernization (UIM) Project. The UIM Project is a multi-year initiative to replace the state's outdated unemployment insurance computer system.

An IDWD evaluation team selected Haverstick Consulting from among five vendors in a highly competitive process. Haverstick Consulting scored equal to or higher than all other proposals in every measurable category, including price. The project team has a demonstrated history of successfully completing similar projects in other states.

"The overhaul of our unemployment insurance system is a much-needed and long-anticipated reform," noted Ron Stiver, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "I am pleased that an Indiana company such as Haverstick Consulting will help us meet this challenge and ensure Hoosiers receive the benefit of a state-of-the-art unemployment insurance system."

Indiana's unemployment insurance system currently runs on an archaic framework of patchwork technology. The modernization project will help to automate IDWD's processes for both claimants and employers. This modernization effort is expected to save taxpayer dollars by reducing overpayments and improve customer service by making the unemployment insurance system more accessible. The agency's customers will have round-the-clock self-service access to unemployment information.

Haverstick Consulting and IDWD are expected to begin contract negotiations immediately with a goal of full system implementation in 2008.

Haverstick Consulting, Inc., based in Carmel, Indiana, offers a variety of technology services. The firm provides information technology consulting and services, including web hosting, application integration, online content management, and network design and implementation.

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with the state's 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

For more information on this or other DWD programs, call 888-465-4616 or visit the web site at www.workforce.in.gov.

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